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Mayor's Message



Oakland Mayor
Linda H. Schwager

Oakland is a great community.

Your help is needed to keep our community great. Volunteers are needed to help with new and established programs.

The Borough Council recently passed a resolution establishing a new committee called "Access for All." The focus of the committee is to raise awareness about the needs and rights of people with disabilities and increase accessibility to programs, housing and everyday facilities. The committee members will include volunteer representatives from the Board of Health, Board of Education, Planning Board, EMS, Recreation, and Community of Commerce. In addition we are seeking a representative from the Clergy be involved. If interested

please contact me. If you are not a member of any of the aforementioned boards but would like to be involved. Please contact me directly.

Another program being established is the 2016 Mayor's Wellness Program in conjunction with the County Health Improvement Partnership ("CHIP") to bring good health to our town. We are working with our Board of Health, nutritionists, health clubs, and fitness centers. The 10-week challenge is tentatively scheduled to

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OAKLAND FIRST AID SQUAD — *MAKING STRIDES IN PATIENT CARE*

Last year the Volunteer Oakland First Aid Squad answered over 850 calls. Taking care of our residents and visitors is our passion. Each year new methods, skills, regulations, and equipment are introduced.

We attend monthly trainings as well as additional continuing education classes. One of the many increased skills is the ability to administer certain life saving medications such as aspirin, EpiPen, and Narcan. In addition, we strive to make sure our patients are transported as safely as possible and provide our members with the equipment to do the job as safely as possible.

Pictured is the new power load stretcher system recently installed in our ambulances. As you can see, even Mayor Schwager was able to load Councilman Eric Kulmala into the ambulance! The Council was kind enough to assist us in



purchasing this system. But, as we continue to provide a higher level of emergency care, our expenses continue to

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OAKLAND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION — *TEAM UP TO CLEAN UP!*



The Oakland Environmental Commission is organizing a “Team Up to Clean Up” Oakland’s parks event on April 23, sponsored by the Oakland Public Events Committee with a grant from the NJ Clean Communities Council. The event will run from 9am-12pm. Volunteers will meet at Valley Middle School cafeteria at 9am where they will team up into groups that will each be directed to one of Oakland’s parks. Morning refreshments will be available. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please wear long sleeves/pants, sturdy shoes, gloves & bug spray. Register at www.MyGreenOakland.org.

After the clean-up, lunch will be hosted at Great Oak Park.

Together We Can Make a Difference!

The 3rd annual FLOW Green Film Festival will take place in April. Admission is free. The first film will be at the

Wyckoff Library on Sunday, April 10 at 2pm. INHABIT, will explore permaculture and will be followed by a discussion with Wanda Knapik, a certified permaculture designer.

This year features a short green film especially for younger children (5 and older), a reading of the The Tiny Seed, followed by craft time. The film will be shown on April 17, at 2pm at the Wyckoff Library. On April 20, 7pm, at Ramapo H.S., Mann vs. Ford; the Ramapough Indians and their fight to secure a healthy future for their children. A discussion hosted by the Ramapo H.S. Environmental Club will follow. On April 27 at 7pm at the Wyckoff Library, Racing to Zero, in Pursuit to Zero Waste, followed by a discussion with local recycling and reuse professionals. Check out all the details at www.MyGreenOakland.org.

The OEC welcomes your comments, ideas and involvement and can be reached at: info@mygreenoakland.org. Our next meeting is on May 3, 7:30pm at borough hall.

OAKLAND POLICE DEPT — *SPRING REMINDERS*

Luck has been on our side this winter. Snow has been minimal and spring is right around the corner. With that said, the Oakland Police Department would like to put out a few reminders.

First and foremost, we have received numerous complaints from our residents in regards to vehicles speeding around town. You may have seen us out there conducting radar details in your neighborhood. As the warmer weather approaches, there will be more pedestrians around our streets. Please obey the posted speed limits! Those limits are the highest speed that the roadway allows for safe travel.

Another safety concern in the early spring is salt and grit left on the roadway. These substances can cause hazardous driving conditions so please be aware.

And finally, recently there has a number of complaints from our residents in regards to several phone scams. Two of the more “popular” ones are the IRS and Medicare Program For Shut In and Elderly scams. These are exactly as described...scams.



If you receive a phone call from someone who says they are from the IRS and that you owe money, you should:

Hang up immediately, **DO NOT** give **ANY** information.

- Contact The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) to report the call. Use their “**IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting**” web page at www.tigta.gov. You can also call **800-366-4484**.
- Report it to the Federal Trade Commission. Use the “**FTC Complaint Assistant**” on www.ftc.gov. Please add “**IRS Telephone Scam**” in the notes.
- If you receive a call in regards to The Medicare Program For Shut Ins and Elderly, again, **DO NOT** give **ANY** personal information over the phone. Instead you should call the **Medicare Scam Hotline** at **800-633-4227** and make a report. They will investigate your complaint.

Thank you and have a safe spring season!!



OAKLAND FLOOD COMMISSION — *EXPLORING PROGRAM TO ELEVATE HOMES*

The Oakland Flood Commission, in an effort to mitigate the financial and emotional effects of flooding, is currently exploring the possibility of the borough assisting interested owners of flood prone homes to elevate those structures.

This program, if determined feasible, would create a mechanism whereby the borough would advance funds needed to elevate those homes not covered

by existing programs such as HGMP & ICC (These programs do not historically cover all expenses of home elevation.) The borough would, in essence, lend the money to the homeowner through payments to contractors. The home would then be tax assessed for an as yet undetermined period, until the monies lent are paid back. If the home were to be sold before the loan was paid, the new homeowner would assume the debt

to be repaid through taxes until satisfied.

Anyone interested in learning more about this program is asked to contact the Oakland Flood Commission at floodcomm@oakland-nj.org or call 201-337-8111 ext. 2040, and leave your name and address (as well as that of property in question), email and/or phone number.



Oakland Public Schools

Full Steam Ahead at the Oakland Public Schools STEAM Academy

As we reported recently, this year Valley introduced STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) classes in seventh and eighth grades. These courses promote learning in a non-traditional mode: students explore, investigate, brainstorm, research and experiment to solve a problem or reach a goal. In traditional classes, teachers teach and learners learn. So, how is it possible for students to drive the learning event?

In December, the fifth grade classes from Dogwood Hill, Heights and Manito found out when they took a field trip to the newly-renovated "STEAM" room at VMS and participated in a class led by Valley staff members Mr. Albano and Mr. Gilligan.

The scholars arrived by bus, entered the STEAM room and positioned themselves at the learning stations. After a short introduction, students were invited to take off their shoes. In the stunned excitement, more than one student called out: "I already like this class!" Next, Mr. Albano / Mr. Gilligan drew their attention to the SmartBoard where they displayed pictures of the world's largest man-made structures. Students were encouraged to brainstorm with

their team about the design of the towers, then to share their ideas with the class. "What do you notice that they have in common; What makes this building stronger?"

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Students were then challenged to use those principles to build the tallest tower of their shoes within two minutes, which they measured in metric units. All the groups came up with excellent designs and there was a lively discussion about what they learned from the process.

The next task was more challenging: build the highest structure using only nine pieces of uncooked spaghetti, three marshmallows and a plastic cup. Students quickly found out that the goal would only be achieved through teamwork and many early failures. The youngsters left excited and energized.

During the month of January, fourth grade classes from Dogwood Hill, Heights and Manito schools were able to discover what the STEAM class is all about when they took a field trip to the newly-renovated STEAM room at Valley Middle School. This was following the fifth graders visit in December.

The excited children arrived each time eager to be in a middle school classroom. After a short introduction by

either Mr. Albano or Mr. Gilligan, they were asked what each letter in 'STEAM' meant. The students were anxious to get the correct answers and continue to find out their team building assignment.

The presentation began with an old Bugs Bunny cartoon about catapults. The children were given their task to construct a catapult using miscellaneous items such as rubber bands, coat hangers, clips, rubber gloves, etc. They were going to brainstorm the ideas, create, revise, and then shoot mini-marshmallows to compare the distance each group got with their uniquely created catapult. The children had a blast being able to catapult marshmallows in school!

The visit ended with a preview of the roller coasters, rocket car, and robotic vehicles to be constructed in middle school. The trip was fun for all involved thanks to the talents of our STEAM teachers and the creative students!

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Read Across America

March 2 happens to be a very special day for young readers in the Oakland Public Schools: it's the day Dr. Seuss was born. In fact, you may have noticed children throughout town wearing their best red and white-themed clothing that day to honor this beloved children's author. Classrooms near and far celebrated his birthday by participating in the National Education Association's Read Across America initiative. Students throughout Oakland spent time on this day celebrating the joy of reading by listening to a mystery reader share a Dr. Seuss poem on the morning announcements. Children then dropped everything and read as they spent time exploring books that showcased his clever rhymes, humorous characters, and important messages.

Throughout the day and week, students worked on literacy-based projects that helped bring his unique stories to life. His fun, creative legacy gave us a reading experience we won't soon forget!



OAKLAND LIBRARY—*SPRING PROGRAMS*

Books, CDs, Movies, Audio Books, Computer Classes, Classical Concerts, Children's Music, Lectures, Authors, Art Exhibits, Craft Displays, Newspapers, Live Theater, Wi-Fi, Computers, Driving Courses, Knitting, Book Clubs, Story Hours, Museum Passes, Class Visits.....all this and more is at the Library.

Cathy in Reference offers Computer Classes on Wednesdays at 1:00 and due to the generous support of the New Friends of the Oakland Public Library, the library is able to offer a variety of events this Spring:



On April 11, for parents and their HS students, Randy Levin presents: ***Top Ten Mistakes Students Make on Their College Application***. Levin is THE ONLY college essay expert asked to speak annually at the National College Fair. *The Record's* Birding columnist, Jim Wright, will present ***All About High Mountain*** on April 12, a program about a great spot to hike and bird watch right in our own backyard. The NFOPL presents the ***Art Exhibit and Sale*** on April 16 and 17, and the Sunday Afternoon Concert is on April 24 with the ***Tononi Trio***.

The month of May brings live theater when Linda Ken-

yon performs her one woman show about Julia Child, ***Bon Appetite***. Theatrical producer, Tony Salerno, will present an insider's view of the entertainment industry in his program: ***There's No Business like Show Business***, sharing anecdotes of favorite productions and celebrities he has worked with for the past 45 years.

Miss Debbie in the Children's Department will be visiting the schools in April and the Kindergarten-

teners will be visiting the Library in May with great excitement and brand new Library Cards, just in time for the children to take part in the Summer Reading program: ***On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!***, which begins on June 27th. For our youngest patrons, the Library offers ongoing pre-school Story Times throughout the year.



The Library's monthly newsletter and our facebook page are great ways to be kept up to date with all that is happening here at the Library, including our growing collection and renovation information. You can sign up for them on the library website:

www.oaklandnjlibrary.org or by phone: 201-337-3742.

NEW FRIENDS OF THE OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY—*UPCOMING EVENTS*



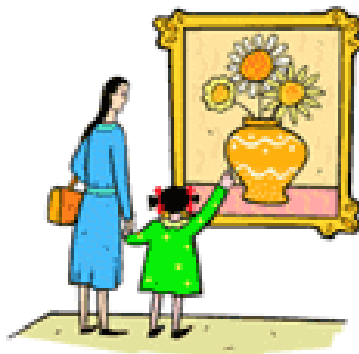
The New Friends is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. All proceeds from our fundraising efforts go towards programming, concerts and events at the Oakland Library. New members are ALWAYS welcome!

The NFOPL

would like to thank the sponsors of *Mini-Golf at the Library*: Laser Dentistry; Ivy Rehab; Chiropractic Family & Sports Injury Center; Linda Schwager, Attorney; Pet Supplies Plus; Oakland Pizza and Restaurant; Oakland Hardware; Gittleman, Muhlstock & Chewcaskie, LLP; APL Masonry; Cleary, Giacobe, Alfieri, and Jacobs, LLC; Café L'Amore; Dr. Anita Skolnick, DDS; Oakland Diner; Frank's Pizza and Italian Restaurant; Columbia Bank in Oakland; Shoprite of Oakland; Oakland Drugs; and 'Chopper' Russo ReMax. Thank you to Mike's Dog House for sponsorship of the "19th Hole", and thank you to all who came out to play a

round of golf and support the library.

The *Annual Art Exhibit and Sale* is Saturday, April 16, 10:00AM – 5:00PM and April 17, 12:00PM – 4:00PM. Forty-five artists will be exhibiting their work on the walls of the Library. Paintings in acrylic, water color, and oil as well as drawings in pen and pencil will be exhibited. The Art Exhibit and Sale is a very popular event and includes artwork for every budget.



The Tononi Trio (Laura Hamilton, Elizabeth Martyn, Lanny Pakin) completes our *Sunday Afternoon Concert Series* on April 24 at 4:00 in the sanctuary of the Presbyterian Church of NJ on Ramapo Valley Road. We are so grateful for the generosity of the Presbyterian Church to be able to use this beautiful concert space which will be filled with the music of Haydn, Schumann, and Piazzolla on April 24.

Join us at The Brick House on May 19 for *Create Your Own Masterpiece* when guests will

enjoy a lovely dinner and will create an acrylic masterpiece. Please contact the Library for tickets and information about any of these events: www.oaklandnjlibrary.org or by telephone: 201-337-3742

OAKLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT — YEAR IN REVIEW

Your Oakland Fire Department is now entering its 107th year of service to this great community. Since 1909, the all-volunteer members of the Oakland Fire Department have been actively responding to emergency service calls. In addition to responding to emergency service calls, we provide our community with public service information through tours of our firehouses, participation at School events and through our annual Fire Prevention week program that helps education the youngsters of our community on fire safety.

Over the past year, the Oakland Fire Department responded to 405 calls for assistance resulting in nearly 5,500 man hours spent on emergency responses. In addition to those hours the OVFD racked up an additional 14,000 man hours participating in training, safety drills and participating community service events such as Safety Town, Fire Prevention Week, our annual Santa Run and time spent inspecting and servicing equipment to keep things in good operating order.

That is a total of nearly 20,000 man hours put forth by the men and women that make up the Oakland Fire Department. As first responders we work closely with the members of the Oakland Police and DPW departments and the Oakland Volunteer First Aid Squad.

In addition to the fire calls, safety drills and public service we do, we also are members of the North West Bergen Mutual Aid Association, and this year we became the Field Day Champions for the 5th time and back to back Champions as well. Competing in this event is an honor and a testament to the skill and dedication that each of our firefighters has in perfecting their craft of being a world class fire department.

And perhaps the most important statistic of them all is that the Oakland Fire Department did not suffer a single line of duty injury last year.

The Oakland Fire Department is always looking for additional volunteer firefighters. To become a member of the Oakland Fire Department you must be at least 16 years old, be a U.S. Citizen, be in good physical condition, be a legal resident of Oakland for a minimum of six months and have not been convicted of a felony. Once accepted, you will need to complete an 18 week basic Firefighters course at the Bergen County Fire Academy in Mahwah.

For information, and an application for membership, come to the Yawpo Ave firehouse any Monday night at 7:00 PM and ask to speak to one of the our Chiefs or Officers.

We want to thank the residents of Oakland, and the Mayor & Council, for your continued support of our efforts.
-Frank Di Pentima, Oakland Volunteer Fire Department

RAMAPOUGH CONSERVANCY

We have completed the first large section roof for the Van Allen House. Thank you again to the Mayor and Council, Borough Administrator Richard Kunze, and to our community for making this happen.

As we wrote in the fall, we are now actively fundraising for the other "half" of the roof. Under our grant from the county, we are required to raise 25% of the grant monies. We have already raised the necessary amounts for the main roof, and we need your support for the second half of the project. We have had good support from our residents, and hope to see support from our business community as well.

The first large section of the roof was restored with cedar shake shingles, copper and a good deal of hand finished carpentry on site. We restored the dormers which were raised off on the front of the house, and thus had to build windows for those dormers from scratch.

Last fall, we conducted a book signing on October 24, by the authors of a historical fiction children's book called Patriots, Redcoats and Spies. In November, the grammar school children made their annual trip to the properties. For your \$25.00 contribution (plus shipping), you will receive a hat or tee shirt (your choice) with this logo. For more information about contributing, call [973-204-6844](tel:973-204-6844) or email us at ramapoughconservancypresident@gmail.com



Mayor's Message (Continued from page 1)

begin April 11, 2016. Follow our website for updates.

Members are needed for our Green Team/Sustainable Committee to help us maintain our town's certification as a sustainable community. Our goal is to build a healthier community. The Green Team/Sustainable Committee will consist of two representatives from the Environmental Commission, a representative from the Board of Health, Board of Education, Shade Tree Commission, Planning Board, Community of Commerce, and four (4) members "at large" from our community. We need your help; if you are interested in volunteering or have questions about the Green Team/Sustainable Committee please contact me.

I value your comments and opinions, and invite you to contact me. My email address is MayorSchwager@oakland-nj.org. Find me on facebook at Mayor Linda H. Schwager where I post activities about our town. You can call me in my office at 201-337-5166. If I am not available when you call, leave a message and I will return your call. My office is always open. I am at Borough Hall before each council meeting at 5:30 pm. Attend our council meetings on 2nd and 4th Wednesday nights or watch the council meetings on television.

Until next time, Mayor Linda H. Schwager

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OAKLAND RECREATION—*WHAT'S NEW*

Amazing Improvements Scheduled for the Recreation Complex

Three big projects are slated to take place at the Alexander Potash Recreation Complex this spring, all using zero taxpayer dollars!

The first are new dugouts for fields 3 and field 9. The borough applied for and received grants to help cover the costs for the new dugouts. Each field will have modern “open air” dugouts that will protect players from the elements while vastly upgrading the field.

Second is the installation of a new baseball-only-scoreboard for field 8. In cooperation with the Sports Association of Oakland, this board is being paid for by funds raised by former baseball commissioner Marty O'Brien; while the construction (parts and labor) is being generously donated by the Father's Club of Oakland. This board will be very similar to the one that sits on field 2, the Joey Gaul Field.

Lastly, there will be 20 new trees planted around the recreation complex this spring. New trees will offer shade to those on the walking path, a soft barrier between residents and recreation enthusiast as well as a cool new outfield design for field 5. The Recreation Commission made a commitment 5 years ago to make the complex more “park-like”. Over those five years the commission has worked with the Shade

Tree Commission to choose the right type of tree for each part of the complex and create a warm ambiance. The addition of these new plantings will make a net gain of 49 trees at the Recreation Complex since this investment began.

Your Recreation Commission continues to work hard by improving and modernizing the recreation infrastructure while using no Oakland taxpayer dollars. Grants, fundraising and donations have become an integral part on how recreation operates.

To learn more about recreation please visit their website at www.OaklandRec.org.



The new scoreboard will be located on field 8.

GREAT OAK PARK—*Setting the Bar for Community Projects*

Since 2012 the re-development of the 40 acres of property, which is filled with memories, history and abandonment has been nothing short of a miracle. It is a victory for the idea that people can work together for the betterment of the community. Fundraising, donated labor and volunteer efforts have been returning the land to its original glory.

Last year the park completed the first phase of redevelopment which included the parking lot, walking trails, benches and wonderful signs. We now look to phase 2, which hopefully will include the great lawn & band shell, dog park, skate park and refurbishing the Muller's lots. Before phase 2 can commence some important details must be put into motion.

The wetlands Letter of Interpretation (LOI) must be approved by the NJDEP before any further improvements may begin. The borough engineers should complete and submit the LOI by the end of spring; hopefully we hear back by the end of 2016. Great

Oak Park is located in about 85% of flood plain, has an important C-1 stream and home to wildlife. While we continue to develop we continue to



One of our local boy scouts putting the final touches on the sign located on the corner of Doty and RVR

keep the environment as our number one priority.

The biggest challenge will be fundraising for these proposed improvements. It has been estimated that Oakland needs to raise an additional \$600 - \$800 thousand dollars to complete the project.

It has also been estimated that Oakland has received approximately \$350,000 in donations and free labor to complete phase 1; so that number is not an outlandish target. 2016 will be about searching for donations, looking for grants and fundraising...while we enjoy the park.

Along with that planning there are a few small projects being completed this year. A new trail will be opened from the Ramapo River Walk North to White Oak Walk that will close the trail loop. The once buried golf course will finally be ready for completion.

Let's continue to enjoy the park, while thinking about how we will raise those funds and set the bar even higher for community-based projects!

Oakland Health Department—*Electronic Smoking Devices Harmful*

A growing number of adults and youth are using vaping devices also known as electronic smoking devices, e-cigarettes, e-devices, e-pens, electronic nicotine delivery systems, vape-pens, and mods to deliver or “vape” nicotine without burning tobacco. Often designed to mimic the look and feel of a cigarette, they can resemble pens, USB memory sticks, and are styled as “personal vaporizers” and “tank systems.” Devices can be battery-powered or rechargeable; disposable or refillable. The Center for Disease Control reports e-cigarette use has tripled among middle and high school students.

Using a power source, vaping devices heat a cartridge of liquid solution containing propylene glycol, glycerin, additives and usually nicotine, to produce an aerosol typically referred to as “vapor.” The user then exhales a cloud of secondhand aerosol which includes toxins and other pollutants.

Cartridges and refill liquid solutions commonly called e-juice used in electronic smoking devices are available in a wide variety of fruit and candy flavors that have long been considered attractive to kids. These products are available online and in “vape” shops.

The aerosol emitted by electronic smoking devices is not harmless water vapor but contains many substances, including nicotine, a fast acting, highly-addictive, and harmful drug, ultrafine particles that lodge deeply in the lungs of nonsmokers, volatile organic compounds and toxins known to cause cancer. Published scientific evidence has deter-

mined the risk of exposure to second-hand aerosol. In addition, vaping devices are not approved by the Food and Drug Administration as smoking cessation devices.

The Oakland Board of Health, in conjunction with the Bergen County Department of Health Services, would like to remind residents that an amendment in 2010 to the New Jersey Smoke Free Air Act bans the use of electronic smoking devices in indoor public places and workplaces and sales of e-cigarettes to people 19 years and younger. A violation of the act is subject to a fine of not less than \$250 for the first offense, \$500 for the second offense and \$1,000 for each subsequent offense.



First Aid Squad (Continued from page 1)

rise. We are also replacing one of our aging ambulances this year.

Please donate when our fundraising letter comes out in the next couple of months!!

We thank you!

Safety Tip: This winter was relatively warm. Tick season and mosquito season is upon us. Please use appropriate clothing and insect repellent when enjoying the outdoors and don't leave any standing water to become breeding grounds for mosquitos.

Members of the Oakland First Aid Squad

<https://www.facebook.com/ofasnj/>

Oakland Communications Commission—*Volunteers Needed*

The Oakland TV Committee (OTC) is responsible for the programming for Oakland TV, ***YOUR*** local Cable TV station, which broadcasts on Cablevision (**CH 77**) and Verizon (**CH 45**). Our function is to record and/or air programs of interest to our residents, including Borough activities, Oakland Recreation events, Oakland Public Events, and other events of general interest.

To continue to provide these services and productions we need volunteers. The volunteers don't have to be experienced. You will get the necessary training to assist or perform these functions.

Borough events, which are recorded and aired, include the regular meetings

of the Mayor & Council, Borough budget hearings, M&C swearing-in ceremonies, Candidates Forums and Debates, and other special activities.

Recreation events include the baseball & softball opening ceremonies, the dedication of the tennis courts, a program on ACL injury prevention, and the development plans for the Great Oak Park. Recently, we've started recording and airing a Game-of-the-Week for Oakland Recreation.

For Oakland Public Events, we've recorded and aired Halloween parades, Easter Egg hunts, Memorial Day parades, Town Picnics/Carnivals and fireworks displays, and Menorah and Christmas Tree lighting ceremonies.

We also air the weekly OLPH Mass,

their Christmas concerts, special presentations of the North Jersey Chorus and Concert Band at Ponds Church.

We've recorded and aired two series, *Exit 58 Live* and *Careers, Lifestyles, and You*, which were developed and produced by OTC members.

You can learn new skills, meet new people, and contribute to our town by being part of our own local TV station. High school students can earn Community Service hours by being an OTC volunteer.

Contact: Fred C. Birks, e-mail at fcbirks@yahoo.com or call 201-337-5356



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SWIFT 911™**EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION****Have you signed up?**

In our efforts to provide more reliable communications with Residents and Businesses in the borough, we have implemented SwiftReach Networks, Inc. an Emergency Notification Provider.

Swift911™ is a system that makes phone calls or send text messages to specific people or areas in the event of an emergency or for sharing important information.

All the calls you receive will have the Caller ID of "Oakland Borough" or "Oakland Police Department".

If you are not receiving these calls, please visit our town's web site at <http://www.oakland-nj.org> and fill out the form to add or update your contact information. You may also remove yourself from our lists.